Terrorism in North-East

1550. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of International efforts made to curb terrorism in the North-East indicating co-coperation received from neighbours; and

(b) the outcome of dialogue with various extremist outfits of NER?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Government of India has been regularly taking up security-related issues with neighbouring countries such as Bangladesh and Myanmar at different levels through diplomatic channels and institutlonal mechanisms existing between these countries. The subject has been addressed at various levels through the institutinoal framewark of biltateral dialogue mechanisms such as the Joint Working Group, Home Secretary-level talks, Foreign Secretary-level talks and BSF/BDR Director General-level talks between these countries. The Bangladesh Government as well as the Myanmar Government have assured that they will not allow undesirable elements to use their territories for activities prejudicial to the security interests of India.

(b) With the cessation of hostilities between militant groups and security forces, the level of violence has come down substantially. The Peace Talks have helped both sides in understanding and appreciating each other's point of view.

Gujarat Riots

1551. SHRI LALU PRASAD:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHRC's final report on Gujarat violence and National Minority Commission has indicted the State Government for its failure to protect the people of Gujarat as reported in The Times of India dated 1st June, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action against the State Govérnment on the basis of NHRC's final report;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that such violence does not recur in any part of the country in future?